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G. H. MabrySubject: Increased Exports from Netherlands to the Bloc.Reference: Hague D-418, 22 November 1954. UNCLASSIFIED.Summary: Exports from the Netherlands to the Bloc for the first nine months of 1954 increased by 71% over the exports for the first nine months of 1953. A breakdown by countries within the Bloc shows the following percentage changes using 1953 exports as a base for comparing the 1954 exports.

East Germany	plus	89%
Czechoslovakia	plus	189%
Hungary	Minus	50%
Poland	plus	96%
Rumania	plus	246%
Bulgaria	minus	45%
USSR	plus	92%
China	minus	77%
Total Soviet Bloc	plus	71%

Total Netherlands exports increased by 11% from one period to the next, and Soviet Bloc trade in percent of total exports increased from 2.3% for the first nine months of 1953 to 3.6% for the first nine months of 1954.

The statistics which were the basis for the above percentage comparisons were supplied informally to the Embassy/Hague by the Central Bureau for Statistics.

E/ST Suggestions: Have Hague query the Central Bureau for a more detailed breakdown of statistics in order that we might determine in just which commodity areas trade with the Bloc has increased. Request as detailed a breakdown of these export statistics as the Bureau is willing to supply, so that we might note whether the increase in exports is in the area of agricultural goods, electronics materials, metal manufactures, or whatever other commodity classifications are used in compiling Dutch export statistics.

Jerry Kroll: See Frances Hall at Commerce on this; she gives a fairly good breakdown antonatically. If she doesn't have it -
Lindegar: How about US-origin goods in transit via Netherlands to Soviet Bloc?

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